and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy in tackling this disease. Through, Ayurveda has a positive role in prevention of Swine flu, no scientific data is available to justify the claim of successfully treating Swine-flu till date.

(b) to (d) Does not arise.

Ban on sale of tobacco products near educational institutions

2063. SHRI NAND KISHORE YADAV:
SHRI KAMAL AKHTAR:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has banned selling of tobacco and tobacco products near schools and colleges by an Act of Parliament;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has ever conducted survey to ascertain the number of people displaced and unemployed due to enforcement of this law;

(d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(e) whether there is any provision in this act for compensation and rehabilitation of those who were displaced and unemployed; and

(f) if not, the reasons why poor people are harassed while Government hesitate to ban tobacco completely?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI S. GANDHISELVAN): (a) and (b) Yes. As per section 6 (b) of "The Cigarette and Other Tobacco Products (Prohibition of Advertisement and Regulation of Trade and Commerce, Production, Supply and Distribution) Act, 2003" (COTPA, 2003), no person shall sell, offer for sale, or permit sale of, cigarette or any other tobacco products in an area within a radius of one hundred yards of any educational institution.

(c) and (d) No such survey has been conducted.

(e) and (f) There is no such provision under COTPA, 2003. This Ministry is working closely with Ministry of Rural Development for providing alternative income generating activities for bidi workers.

Rural MBBS course

2064. SHRI NAND KISHORE YADAV:
SHRI KAMAL AKHTAR:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has proposed for any rural MBBS course; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DINESH TRIVEDI): (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.